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Mr. Carl T. Chase, Director
Meetings and Publications
The Franklin Institute
Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Chase:

Thank you very much for your letter of 28 June
inviting me to speak at the Annual Meeting of the
Franklin Institute on 18 January 1961.

I sincerely regret that I am unable to accept your
kind invitation. In view of my official position, it
is necessary for me to restrict my speaking engagements
to the various government service schools except on a
rare occasion when I make an outside talk. Unfortunately,
I cannot make an additional commitment at this time.

Your courtesy in asking me to join you is indeed
appreciated and I would like to take this opportunity
to wish you every success in your Annual Meeting.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. [REDACTED]
Assistant to the Director

1. I can't see how the DCI could discuss "tools" that are used as scientific aids in intelligence nor how scientific and engineering talents can provide intelligence with new tools and new methods. In view of this and also in consonance with the report of the Committee on Government Operations, which states:

"If public statements have to be made at all, they must be made only in response to overriding national interest and on the responsibility and under the control from the outset of one high authority.

"The golden word of intelligence is silence. More can be lost by saying too much, too soon, than by saying too little, too slowly."

2. I, therefore, recommend that the DCI decline.

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Stanley J. Grogan
Assistant to the Director

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June 28, 1960

Mr. Allen W. Dulles, Director
Central Intelligence Agency
2430 "E" Street, Northwest
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

Since its founding in 1824, the members of The Franklin Institute have always been keenly interested, and have often taken part, in the scientific and technological developments in our country. Even further, many of the members of The Franklin Institute have been world acclaimed by their outstanding application of scientific principles to technological progress. Such applications must be numerous in the operation of the Central Intelligence Agency.

This is our invitation, which I sincerely hope you can accept, to address our members at the Annual Meeting of The Franklin Institute on January 18th, 1961. While it might not be appropriate to say much about how the Agency operates, I believe that a discussion of Scientific Aids in Intelligence Work, with mention of what "tools" are used, and how scientific and engineering talents can provide new tools and methods, would be enthusiastically received.

Our audience would number about four hundred men and women. The lecture at eight-fifteen would be preceded by an informal reception at six-thirty and dinner at seven. I enclose booklets descriptive of our activities.

I hope and trust that our members may have the opportunity of meeting you on the occasion of our Annual Meeting.

Yours very sincerely,

Carl T. Chase

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